

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-2, 6-21 and 25-37 remain pending. Claims 38 and 39 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and to expedite prosecution and obtain immediate allowance. Claims 3-5 and 22-24 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 1-2, 6-21 and 25-37 have been allowed. As claims 38 and 39 have been canceled, there are no outstanding rejections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in immediate condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,  
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